a royalty at sixty-one rupees with effect from 1-4-1981 per metric tonne of crude oil and casTng-head condensate and at ten percent of the value at well-head of natural gas obtained by the leassee;

State Government of Gujarat have not paid any royalty on natural gas extracted from its oilfields.

No royalty is payable to Maharashtra State in view of the ¡ules quoted above.

Replacement of Diesel generation in Pradesh

2782. SHRIMATI OMEM MOY-ONG DEORI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) wihat expenditure has been incurred during each of the last three financial years on the purchase and transport of diesel oil for electricity generation in Aunachal Pradesh and what revenue has been obtained to the Union Territory of Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) what steps are being taken to replace generation of power by micro-hydel schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The expenditure incurred during the last three financial years on the purchase and transport of diesel oil for electricity generation in Arunachal Pradesh and the revenue earned thereon is indicated below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Cost of diesel	Cost of transportation of diesel	Revenue from diesel generation
1982-83	25·84	2·58	7·11
1983-84	37·10	3·71	9·94
1984-85	40·82	4·082	11·29

(b) A. number of mini/micro hydel scheme* are already in operation and under construction. Proposal for setting up new mini hydel stations and augmenting the capacity of existing mini hydel stations are als$_0$ being considered.

Refund of CD fund of Coal Mines Workers

2783. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH; Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount depositad to the Compulsory Deposit Fund by the workers in coal mines, were not refunded to them as was done in the case of workers in other industries as per Government decision and instead it was deposited to the coal mines provident fund account w rich bears lesser rate of interest, if BO what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is a fact that colliery workers who were affected by floods were given refund but same privilege was not accorded to those who are affected by drought;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Coalfield Labour Union of Jazarobagh area has submitted a memorandum to the Government for refund of the CD. Fund particularly to the workers who are affected by drought, too; and

(d) if so, what step$_s$ Government have taken so far, if not, why not?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) It is a fact that the amount kept in the Compulsory Deposit Fund of the workers in coal mines has not been refunded to them because as per